(f) Action has been taken against non performing contractors and they are not allowed to bid for future projects unless they improve the performance in existing contracts.

(g) Steps have been taken to improve cash flow problems of contractors by granting interest bearing discretionary advance at the request of contractor, release of retention money against bank guarantee of equal amount, deferment of recovery of advances (on interest basis) and relaxation in minimum IPC amount.

Statement-III

Details of Meetings

Sl. No.	Date	Meeting held by	State Government concerned
1.	13.2.2008	Secretary (RT&H)	Chief Secretaries of State Government.
2.	24.6.2008	Minister (S, RT&H)	State Highways Ministers.
3.	16.2.2009	Secretary	All Secretaries of State PWDs.

Inland-coastal shipping

1126. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to integrate inland water transportation and coastal shipping to boost river-sea shipping;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of Orissa State under this project;

(d) whether it is proposed to be taken up under PPP mode; and

(e) how far this project would help to boost tourism alongside rivers/coastal regions of Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) River — Sea shipping for transportation of cargo is already active in some areas of the country namely Goa, Gujarat, West Bengal, Mumbai etc. The Working Group on Shipping and Inland Water Transport for preparation of Eleventh Plan had *inter alia* proposed for integration of Inland Water Transport (IWT) and Coastal Shipping as one of the approaches for development of IWT sector during Eleventh Plan. Accordingly, efforts are being made to finalise the design of a prototype cargo vessel which can operate both in inland and coastal waters such as Paradip in Orissa to Kolkata/Farakka/Bangladesh. Construction of the prototype vessel is proposed to be made with public funds but on its successful testing the same may be conducted either in public

Private Partnership (PPP) mode or entirely by the private sector. This proposal, however, is not aimed for tourism as such.

NH projects under PPP mode

1127. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cleared a slew of high value National Highway (NH) projects worth Rs. 12000 crore, under PPP mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating those projects that are located in Orissa and Jharkhand States; and

(c) the time-frame within which these projects would be taken up for execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Government has approved on 26.12.2008 12 Projects under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) for implementation on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with at an estimated Total Project Cost (TPC) of Rs. 12840.24 crores. The State-wise details of these projects are indicated in the given Statement-I (*See* below). The details of projects located in Orissa for implementation on PPP mode which have been approved by the Government on 02.01.2009 and 28.01.2009 separately under NHDP are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The time-frame for execution is within six months after the award of contract and on achieving condition precedent of the financial close by the concessionaire.

Statement-I

Details of projects approved under PPP mode

Sl. No.	Project Name	NH No.	State	Length (in Km)	Total project cost Excluding cost of land Acquisition, R&R and pre-construction (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Hyderabad-Vijayawada (km. 40/0 to km 221/0)	9	Andhra Pradesh	181	1460